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2. A Specification having a total of twenty-two (22) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty-two (22) claims.
3. One (1) sheet of drawings.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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